Please amend Claim 1 as follows;

1.   (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising;

a photosensitive region for recording an a optical image;

a controllable shutter for exposing the photosensitive region; and

a timer, the timer providing a selected time delay between a first ~~activation of the~~ shutter ~~activation~~ and a second activation of the shutter ~~activation~~, the photosensitive region not recording an optical image during the first ~~shutter~~ activation of the shutter.

2.   (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim 1 wherein the first activation of the shutter is accompanied by sounds of typical shutter operation.

3.   (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim 1 further comprising a flash mechanism, the flash mechanism receiving a low-power activation during the initial shutter activation.

4.   (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim 1 wherein the first shutter activation is a simulation of signal acquisition.

1   **Please cancel Claim 5.**

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3   5. (Cancelled) ~~A digital camera comprising:~~

4   ~~a photosensitive area for recording an optical image~~

5   ~~projected thereon;~~

6   ~~a shutter for exposing the photosensitive area;~~

7   ~~a timer for periodically activating the shutter after~~

8   ~~an initial shutter activation; and~~

9   ~~a processing unit, the processing unit analyzing the~~

10   ~~images recorded on the photo-sensitive area, the processing~~

11   ~~unit storing a pattern recognition program for identifying~~

12   ~~predetermined condition, the processing unit processing the~~

13   ~~images recorded on the photo-sensitive surface, the~~

14   ~~processing unit storing an image having predetermined~~

15   ~~conditions.~~

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17   **Please cancel Claim 6.**

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19   6.   (Cancelled)   ~~The digital signal processor as recited~~

20   ~~in claim 5 wherein the predetermined condition is a facial~~

21   ~~expression.~~

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23   **Please cancel Claim 7.**

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25   7.   (Cancelled)   ~~The digital signal processor as recited~~

26   ~~in claim 5 wherein the digital camera discontinues~~

27   ~~operation after acquisition of an image having the~~

28   ~~predetermined condition.~~

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1 **Please amend Claim 8 as follows.**

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3 8.   (Currently Amended)   ~~The~~ <u>A</u> method of acquiring an

4 image with a digital camera having predetermined features,

5 the method comprising:

6   simulating the acquisition of an image by the digital

7 camera; and

8   after a preselected period of time, acquiring an image

9 with the digital camera.

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11 9.   (Original)   The   method   as   recited   in   claim   8

12 wherein simulating the acquisition of an image includes

13 providing   the   sights   and   sounds   associated   with   the

14 acquisition of an image.

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16 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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18 10.   (Currently Amended) The method <u>as recited in claim 8</u>

19 ~~of acquiring an image having predetermined features in a~~

20 ~~digital camera~~, the method <u>further</u> comprising:

21   providing a program associated with a processing unit

22 for identifying the predetermined features;

23   acquiring a series of images and applying the images

24 to the processing unit; and

25   analyzing the images using the program.

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Please amend Claim 11 as follows.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10 wherein ~~the~~ <u>a</u> first image in which the predetermined feature is identified is stored.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 10 wherein the acquiring of a series images is provided in response to signals from a timing unit.

Please amend Claim 13 as follows.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ <u>The</u> digital camera <u>as recited in</u> <u>claim 1 further</u> comprising:

     a first mode of operation, the digital camera in the first mode of operation acquiring an image in response to user input; and

     a second mode of operation, the digital camera simulating acquiring an image in response to user input in the second mode of operation, the digital camera acquiring an image a preselected time after the simulating acquiring an image.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ <u>The</u> digital camera <u>as recited in</u> <u>claim 1 further</u> comprising:

     a first mode of operation, the digital camera acquiring an image in response to user input in the first mode of operation; and

1   a second mode of operation, the digital camera

2   selecting for acquisition an image having predetermined

3   features.

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5   15. (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim

6   14 wherein the predetermined features are determined by a

7   pattern recognition program.

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9   16. (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim

10   14 wherein the predetermined features are facial

11   expression.